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For Jo, my mum,
with all my love

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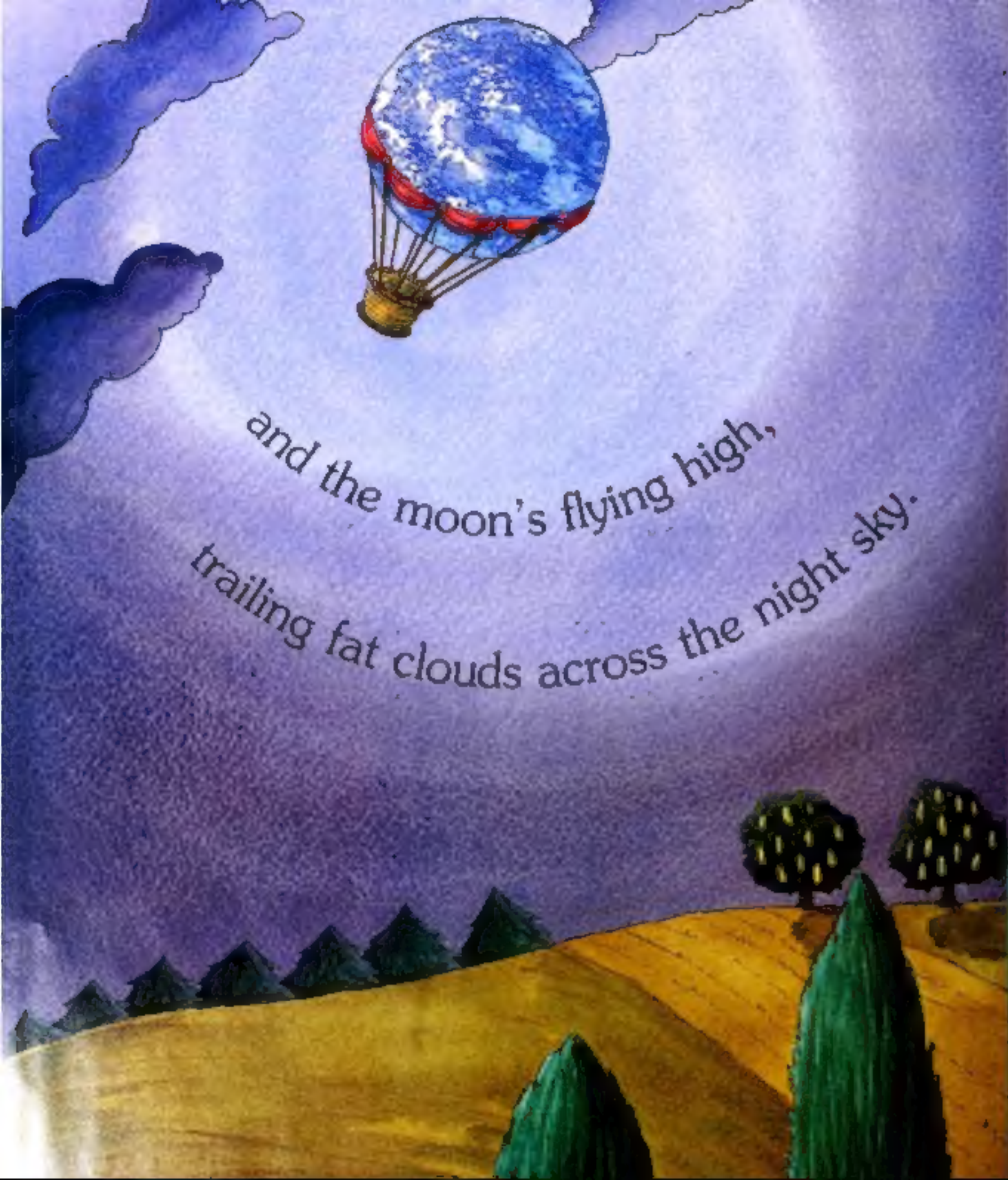
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and the moon's flying high,
trailing fat clouds across the night sky.



But I'm too hot to sleep.



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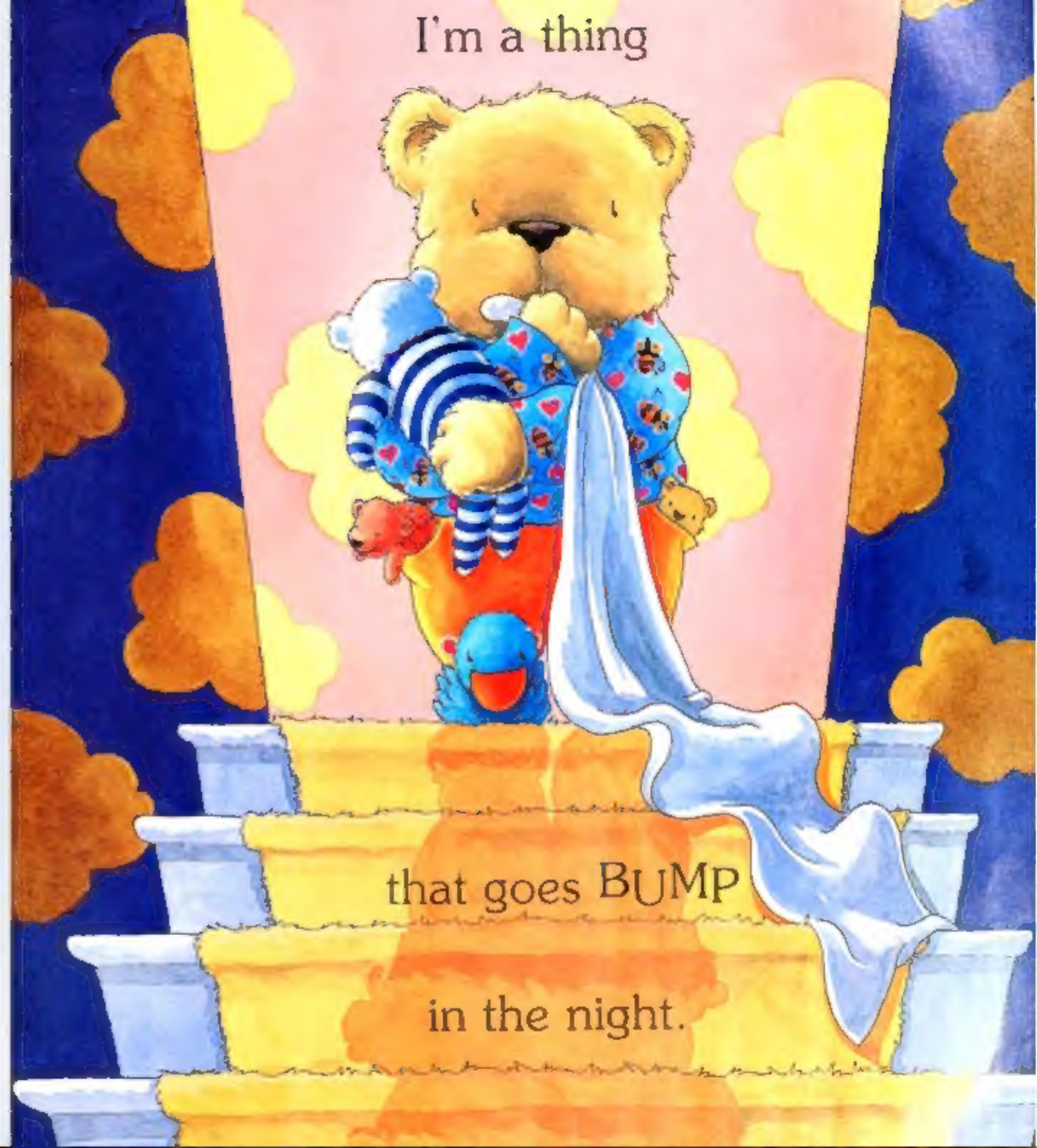




So I toss off the sheet,
wriggle toes into slippers,




and creep. . . .



I'm a thing

that goes BUMP

in the night.



Just me and my bears
padding softly downstairs,

out the door.



past the gate,





through the deep summer grasses
at the edge of the lawn . . .

to the place where the
wide-awake meet.



There's music and laughter
drifting up from the trees

as we Polar Bolero
with the owls and the bees.



on oceans and mountains,
across rivers and streams . . .

the Polar Bolero makes
you DANCE in your dreams.





So back
we go home
to where
someone cares,
falling into
our pillows,
gently hugging
our bears



In the dark comes
my someone. . . .
She goes HUG
in the night,



kisses me softly,



and whispers, "Sleep tight."





Join a little polar bear
in a magical bedtime dance—
the Polar Bolero!

